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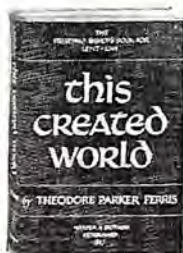
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February At Valley Forge

Commemoratory rites for the founder of our country are constantly in the Washington Memorial Chapel schedule and with considerable emphasis during this month—the anniversary of his birth. The chapel services, the Boy Scout pilgrimage, visits of many patriotic societies and patriotic citizens, will portray the devotion of our people, young and old, to George Washington. The attendance, as well as the programs, will be greatly curtailed because of the gas rationing, but the spirit continues. We shall aim to understand more fully what Washington believed and carry his thought and feeling into the troublous days that we all face.

The increase and concentration of patriotism at this season is always gained by our Lincoln observances also. These two men certainly belong together and are so happily commemorated together. At the Chapel there is a symbolism on the altar which helps this thought. At the very center of this renowned shrine, built to the glory of God and in honor of George Washington, there is a most beautiful cross dedicated to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. What a perfect union this presents to our mind—Abraham Lincoln at the center of the George Washington memorial. Our thought of and devotion to these two men leave nothing unsupplied. How sympathetically and constructively they would deal with our country and the world in the present strife, confusion and suffering. They would inspire and elevate our patriotism and at the same time say above all nations is humanity, and above all humanity is God.

Our purpose and policy at Valley Forge is to perpetuate the vision of

Dr. W. Herbert Burk, the founder and first rector, and maintain every valued tradition. We find constant opportunities to enrich the historic sanctities and to build into these inheritances the new and abiding truth of modern life. The fine arts have been nurtured in music and painting classes, and educational programs have also been provided. Our relationship with the Military Academy on the one side and the new hospital on the other are strong. The Chapel authorities and the Park Commission are all one in the spirit of true unity for the effective development of everything at Valley Forge. The Historical Society has been rejuvenated into a research and literary organization as well as the keeper of the Museum.

Many individuals and organizations have combined to make the Bell Tower a reality. The foundations are built, the cornerstone will be laid April 13, 1944, and with one-third of the money given or pledged, this great project, delayed for so many years, will be completed immediately after the war.

The Sojourners, representing our Army and Navy officers in the Masonic Order, have underwritten Patriots' Hall. This is to be a fitting auditorium on the second floor of the Museum building, and will provide a national headquarters for all the patriotic societies.

Friend of Valley Forge and of America, come to this hallowed shrine and kneel before the Divine Life as Washington did, and go forth to win the world for all people who "love mercy, do justly and walk humbly with their God."

JOHN ROBBINS HART.

World Day of Prayer

What is it? A global effort of women started by one or two women praying for missions in which they were interested, now enlarged and extended, so that in our hour of need and trial there is an agency ready to be used as a channel for our prayers.

What to do? Go to the nearest Church that is holding the service. Pray for all Christians in enemy

LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

CHRIST CHURCH

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12:25 to 12:50 P. M.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rev. Edward Felix Kloman,
Rector of Christ Church.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th AND 25th

The Rev. S. Tagart Steele, D.D.,
St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

The Rev. Gordon M. Jones, Jr.,
St. Andrew's Church, West Phila.

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Rector

Ash Wednesday, February 23—
Bishop Hart.

First Thursday, February 24—
Bishop Sterritt.

First Friday, February 25—
The Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson.

First Saturday, February 26—
The Rev. John Robbins Hart.

February 28, March 3—
Bishop Larned.

March 4—
The Rev. Edmund B. Wood.

March 6-10—The Very Rev. Kirk B.
O'Ferrall, D.D.

March 11—
The Rev. John H. Bomberger.

March 13-17—The Rev. Phillips E.
Osgood, D.D., L.H.D.

March 18—The Rev. J. C. Gilbert.

March 20-24—The Very Rev. N. R.
High Moor, M.A., D.D.

March 25—The Rev. E. S. Thomas.

March 27-31—The Very Rev. Chester
B. Emerson, D.D.

April 1—The Rev. J. Clement Kolb.

April 2-6—
The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams.

Good Friday—Bishop Hart.

Easter Even—
The Rev. Alfred W. Price.

IN SYMPATHY

As THE CHURCH NEWS goes to press word has been received of the death of Dr. William E. Mikell, Charleston, South Carolina, on Wednesday, January 19th. Dr. Mikell was the father of Mrs. Oliver James Hart. The Diocese extends its sympathy to Bishop and Mrs. Hart and to the family.

lands. Give thanks that our men in far-flung battlefronts have found native Christians to help them.

When? Friday, February 25th.

If not able to join with others, take cognizance of the day wherever you are.

Episcopal Hospital Needs

We have always felt that there should be a large illuminated cross atop the tower of the Episcopal Hospital, casting its strong white beams all over Kensington and to the rest of Philadelphia. This would represent the influence of this great beloved Christian institution which for nearly a century has ministered to sick and broken bodies and souls—and this without thought of race or creed. The Hospital has been fortunate to be the recipient of many gifts from interested parishioners and friends. It now has a substantial endowment. The income from this endowment, however, has not always been sufficient to meet the cost of the Hospital's program.

The Board of Managers was re-organized about five years ago and in its desire to improve the Hospital in every way, secured the services of an outstanding hospital consultant to make a survey. After the survey was made, the Board organized itself so that each member was given a special duty to perform. Under the able and untiring chairmanship of Laurence H. Eldredge, Esq., the members have given unselfishly of their time and have devoted themselves to a multitude of problems which have confronted them. There has been much progress made in the past few years to make the Hospital one of the best in the city. The Diocese can be proud that, in spite of the war, there have been marked accomplishments.

One of the most important steps which the Board has taken was the choice of Dr. Lucius R. Wilson, a hospital administrator of wide experience and of national repute, as Superintendent of the Hospital. Dr. Wilson's success has been exceptional, for which we are most appreciative.

Many new departments are being created in the Medical Staff with a specialist in charge of each of them. This is the modern trend in medicine. It enables the Hospital to place any patient in the hands of a physician thoroughly capable of treating his particular condition.

Residencies in Specialties have been approved by the American Medical Association, and the Hospital is prepared to give special training in certain fields of medicine to young physicians.

The position of Health Physician for all employees has been established. He regularly maintains office hours so that any ill employee can be given proper care.

An association was made with the Kensington Hospital for Women, bringing to the Episcopal Hospital specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology, thereby enabling the Board of Managers to create such a department in the Hospital.

An association with Temple University School of Medicine has just been formed whereby certain of its faculty will care for patients in our medical wards and out-patient department. This not only gives the University an opportunity of teaching in the Hospital, but is great aid to the Hospital, since one-third of the staff has entered the armed forces.

The educational program of the School of Nursing under Miss Dora Mathis, R. N., has been greatly expanded during the past three years. Because of this, it was one of the first hospitals to receive federal aid for the education of nurses. With the organization of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps, the Board of Managers authorized the School of Nursing to enter this movement. At the present time, the student body numbers 200. It will be increased when the February class is admitted.

An affiliation has been made with the Warren State Hospital. This will give our student nurses an opportunity for special training in the care of mental patients. During 1943, our Nurses' Home has received an overhauling. Among other things, the students' rooms have been redecorated, repaired, and refurnished. All this must add to the comfort and morale of the nurses.

The Rev. Robert D. Morris was appointed Chaplain. He came to the Hospital with special training in the ministry to the sick. He has already made for himself a real place in the lives of the patients and personnel. Two young clergymen have served with him in the capacity of Resident Chaplains. Under his preceptorship each year a class of students from the Philadelphia Divinity School is at the Hospital for a period of special training.

Immediately after the beginning of the war, the Hospital arranged

with the Red Cross to train Grey Ladies and Nurses' Aides. Five courses were given. The Hospital now has seventy-nine Grey Ladies, ninety-one Nurses' Aides, and eight Canteen Workers. In addition to the Red Cross trained, the Hospital is developing a program for untrained workers. The service of a full-time nurse has been secured to direct this activity. We hope to be able to organize a group of male volunteers.

A program of better working conditions for low-salaried employees is being developed. Salaries and wages have been increased as much as fifty to seventy-five percent. The administration still feels, however, that this group is underpaid. It plans, as the budget will permit, to correct this condition.

Episcopal was one of the three hospitals in Philadelphia to be designated as a Civilian Emergency Blood Plasma Center. The Government appropriated funds to purchase the equipment. The Hospital has approximately two hundred units of plasma on hand to be used in case of any emergency in the community.

The Thanksgiving Offering for 1943 was over \$26,000. These offerings through the years have been a help. But they have not been of sufficient size to enable the Hospital to undertake new developments or to build a modern physical plant. While the Hospital is not operating at a deficit at the present time, and the budget for 1944 is balanced, the Board of Managers realize that the day will not be far distant when large sums can and must be spent to remodel and repair the present buildings. Such work cannot be done during the war. A large accumulation of needed repairs must await the day of cessation of war activities. For this reason any surplus funds are being held until the time when workmen and materials can be obtained.

Most of the buildings are obsolete, expensive to keep in even a fair state of repair, and in many particulars not suited for hospital work; consequently the most urgent need is a new modern hospital which will cost about two million dollars.

(REV.) EDMUND H. CARHART,
Chairman,
Committee on Religious Needs.

The Church News

OBJECT 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

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An Excellent Record

I am happy to report that the Church Pension Fund has advised us that every parish in union with the Convention has paid Pension Fund assessments for at least six months of 1943. The result of this is that the interests of the entire diocese are protected under the Trustees' Resolutions with respect to extra benefits. I am told that this is the first time that this has ever happened. Mr. Bradford B. Locke, Executive Vice-President of the Church Pension Fund, writes to Dr. Hartshorne: "I certainly offer you my hearty congratulations, because I know that this is largely due to your efforts. When one remembers the substantial advances which the diocese used to have to make in order to protect the interests of the diocese, this is quite an accomplishment for a diocese the size of Pennsylvania." As sharing with Dr. Hartshorne in these congratulations should be included all the Accounting Wardens who have taken pains to see to it that the parish assessments on their clergyman's salary have been kept up to date.

Four of the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund are from this diocese. Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Charles D. Dickey, Dr. Thomas S. Gates and myself. Mr. Dickey is Treasurer of the Fund. At the end of 1943 the Fund was paying pensions at the rate of about \$1,400,000 a year, or about \$3,800 a day, to more than 2,400 beneficiaries. The minimum pension to a retired clergyman is \$600 a year and the average is about \$920. Although this average will increase as time goes on, it is insufficient for a living if it is the only financial re-

source of the beneficiary. If the cost of living continues to increase, the pensions will become more and more inadequate. Obviously \$600 a year does not mean as much in 1943 as it did in 1917 when the Church Pension Fund started.

In view of the above facts, increasing pressure is being brought to bear upon the Trustees of the Pension Fund to permit retired clergymen to continue in the active ministry, and thus supplement their pensions. Such a practice, if carried to its logical conclusion, would amount to a policy of automatic pensions and other pension funds have found this practice to be an exceedingly dangerous one. The Trustees of the Pension Fund have been exceedingly liberal in interpreting their rules because of the shortage of available clergy due to the number serving in the Armed Forces, but they would endanger the entire Fund if they yielded to this pressure.

The solution of the problem of inadequate pensions does not lie with the Church Pension Fund. Pensions are determined in amount by salaries. The solution is an adequate salary for the clergy. In my judgment, where the choice is between maintaining ten churches with inadequately supported clergy and five churches with adequately supported clergy, the best interests of all concerned are better served by limiting the number to five. This plan may not be applicable to certain mission fields where our churches are seventy-five to one hundred miles apart. Combining congregations under those circumstances is impossible. Where congregations are only a few blocks

apart, the problem of combining their work should not be an insuperable one.

Last year we made an effort to raise funds in order to give \$300 to each of our clergy who were receiving the minimum salary. The effort was only half successful and we were able to give 55 clergy \$150 each. If only we had part of the money which has been put into buildings to put into men! Some parishes have large plants which are expensive to heat, insure and repair and at the same time are only able to pay a minimum salary to their rector. How much better it would be if they had a very simple plant to maintain and could afford to give their rector an adequate salary! Vestries should remember that they have the right to say whether or not the parish will receive an offered memorial, and often a well chosen and active Memorials Committee can do a great deal in interesting the members of the congregation in the right type of memorials. I was rector of a parish where the congregation wanted to give a certain piece of church furniture in memory of a man who had been very active in the parish. The Memorials Committee stated that the article was not vitally needed, and suggested that the four thousand dollars which had been raised be invested and the interest therefrom used to carry on the work of the parish. This was done, and today the splendid work of that parish is due, in part, to the fact that they have a small and unpretentious building and two excellent clergymen.

Oliver Hart

Department of Christian Education

Lenten Offering

The best known and most popular project in our Church Schools is the Lenten Offering, Mission Study project, and the boys and girls of this Diocese lead all other dioceses in the amount of their giving. It is only fitting that this should be so for the suggestion of a Lenten Offering was first made by Mr. John Marston, superintendent of the Sunday School at St. John's Church, Cynwyd. In the sixty-six years of the Offering's existence the boys and girls throughout the Church have given twelve and one-half million dollars for the Church's Mission, an offering of which they can be justly proud. This Offering, expended for items in the regular budget of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, of which the National Council is the Board of Directors, has therefore been an important factor in the development of the Church's missionary program.

Fellow Americans

As the children work for, and give to, their Lenten Offering they study some phase of the Church's missionary program. What could be more fitting at a time when we are all thinking, studying and praying for an enduring world peace than that we should look at ourselves, discover just who WE are, WE AMERICANS. Our Mission Study topic for 1944 is—FELLOW AMERICANS. We find that all Americans do not look exactly alike, act identically and live the same—but that these differences do not mean anyone is of necessity a better American than the others. This, of course, is true in the Church—all races of people are the children of one heavenly Father—and the Christian Church is a fellowship of all races, all having equal rights and duties, and all having a contribution to make.

This is the great fundamental truth which we will try to have our children experience this Lent—so that we all can say, "Thank God for different races."

It will catch the imagination of both children and teachers as they discover something about our fellow Americans, their needs, their

contribution, how our Church ministers to them, and what we as Christians and Americans can do to share in building a more Christian America.

National Council has published two units for the Church School: *All God's Children* (10c) for the kindergarten and primary, and *Fellow Americans* (10c) for the older boys and girls. Each unit has stories to tell in the classroom or in the service of worship, suggested activities and source materials, and plans for six sessions of work.

Supplementary materials: Forth will be invaluable; a copy of Daniel J. Fleming's *Each With His Own Brush* (New York, Friendship Press, \$1.50) will delight the children and will make a good addition to the parish library; and a pictorial map *Makers of the U. S. A.* (25c) should be on every bulletin board.

Other source materials are listed in both units of study, *All God's Children* and *Fellow Americans*, and the Church School Committee is looking into the possibilities of renting a movie and victrola records that could be used with the Mission Study program.

News Notes

The Diocesan All Youth Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 5th. Watch for further details.

The Department of Christian Education has acquired a new set of slides for its Lending Library. It demonstrates the Celebration of the Holy Communion Service and should be very useful for confirmation classes and Church School classes. The slides are in color.

The Committee to Promote the Study of World Order has sent to each parish study group that is registered with it, and to interested individuals on its mailing list, the first issue of the new publication, "Post-War World." This is a news sheet which will be issued bi-monthly by the Federal Council of Churches. If you would like to subscribe (50c a year) and also have your name included for future periodic mailings by the Committee please notify Miss Frazier at Room 30, Church House.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Just as THE CHURCH NEWS goes to press enough money has been received to make possible the commitments of the Diocese for 1943. Through the leadership of the clergy, parishes have been willing to give more than the "Expectation." The church that stops giving when the "quota" or "Expectation" is reached misses the joy that comes in doing more than is required. Let us keep Pennsylvania moving forward in 1944.

Errors appear in every publication that has to do with statistics. *The Living Church Annual* has omitted the name of the Rev. Dr. Burgess from the list of the clergy of the City Mission. It may be that the *Journal* of the Diocese has errors that need correcting and if so the Secretary would appreciate being informed.

Messiah Church, Oxford Circle on the Boulevard, has joined the ranks of the churches paying their own way and not asking aid from any diocesan source. Congratulations to Mr. Roome and the members of his congregation. A special service of thanksgiving was held on Thursday night, January 20th, followed by a reception in the Parish House.

If any parish or school desires used hymnals kindly get in touch with the Rev. William Newman Parker, of Epiphany Church, Sherwood. Major E. Raymond Baublitz, of Valley Forge Military Academy, offers 400 prayer books and hymnals.

St. Timothy, Roxborough, gave a Dedication Festival Dinner in the Parish House January 24th. At that time the mortgage was burned. Mr. Joseph Sumner was the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

There has been much sickness among the clergy of the Diocese and the reports received indicate the general health improving. Dr. Leicester C. Lewis was among those missed from the clergy family. He is taking full duties again at St. Martin's and lecturing at the Divinity School. The Diocese rejoices with the news that Dr. Lewis has heard indirectly from his son, who had been reported "missing in action."

CHARLES H. LONG.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*
MRS. T. EARLE STOCTON, *Chairman*

President's Message

Co-operation—The fellowship and inspiration that comes when everyone is working together for a specific goal is one of the most wonderful things in life. We could all enjoy this in our parishes and in the Diocese if everyone would make it her concern to find out what proportionate share the parish has taken in the new missionary program and would earnestly work to help achieve it. The results, not only in meeting the obligation but in the spirit of true unity and co-operation, would be marvelous.

Unified Parish—The unified parish with everyone working with the knowledge of the whole program is what the Presiding Bishop is stressing, and the Woman's Auxiliary feels that there is still much to be done in Pennsylvania. The Department of Education suggests that we strive to accomplish this as the first step in the Program for the Triennium.

"Help the Children"—Many of us are greatly concerned with the question of the possibility of feeding the starving children of Europe. The whole situation is very complicated, but if anyone wishes to express her interest there are blank forms in the Woman's Auxiliary office to be signed and sent to the "Help the Children Committee, Inc." Letters to the President are suggested by the American Friends' Service Committee.

I have been reading "Not by Bread Alone," by Angus Dun, the newly elected Bishop of Washington. This was, as you may remember, chosen by Bishop Tucker for Lent two years ago. If anyone has missed it, do read it now before we start this year's study.

May I repeat that the Calendar for Quiet Days throughout the Diocese should make it possible for everyone to participate.

MARGARET PACKARD.

Indians' Hope Association

Beginnings—To aid our missionary work to the Indians, the Indians' Hope Association was founded in 1866, several years before the formation of the Woman's Auxiliary, and

later became one of the Diocesan Committees, but retained its original name.

South Dakota—Its particular mission field was South Dakota, and it was as Bishop of Niobrara that Bishop Hare began his great undertaking of Christianizing the Dakotas, who today are an earnest Christian people. An outstanding work under Bishop Roberts in South Dakota today is St. Mary's School, the first accredited high school for Indian girls. This most important work needs to be strengthened and supported, for the influence of St. Mary's girls is felt wherever they go into reservation life.

New Problems—The fact that thousands of Indians are away from home communities and reservations in the armed services or in industries growing out of the war effort makes unusual situations. The Indians must be absorbed into Ameri-

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can community life wherever they are, and we must make it possible for them to participate fully in every phase of our life. Among the Navajos for the first time there is an opportunity for work in several communities.

Let us try to seek the spirit of Bishop Rowe, known as the "Apostle to the Alaskans," so that we may be given some of his courage and faith and Christian love to enable us to do a greater work for God's Kingdom.

Book of Remembrance

Memorials have been made through the Book of Remembrance to the following:

ELIZABETH E. KIRKPATRICK, of Calvary Church, Germantown—des-

ignated for the United Thank Offering.

MARY L. H. ASHTON, of St. James' Church, Philadelphia — designated for the five Missionary Committees of the Woman's Auxiliary and the United Thank Offering.

MINNIE FLEISCHMANN, of the Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia—designated for a burial fund to be used to provide decent, Christian burial for patients connected with All Souls Chapel of the Philadelphia General Hospital who would otherwise not be cared for.

Department of Education

Ventures With Christ

Worship, Study and Action are interwoven in the educational program for the women of our Church, and the Lenten Season is an appropriate time to concentrate upon all three. Here are some specific suggestions:

WORSHIP

A prayerful study of "Gifts of the Spirit," by Stephen Bayne, Jr.

STUDY

A Class, an Educational Day, or a Circulating Library among parishioners.

Subject: Ventures in Christian Living.

Books: "For All of Life," "The Silent Billion Speak," "What Is the Church Doing?" "Christian Ventures."

ACTION

Participation in the Mission-Study Offering, to be given to the Advancement of Christianity in Brazil and India through Christian Literature.

Our Church in Brazil wants to put into the homes of all Church people the Bible, Prayer Book, Hymnal and new Church publications, which must be printed in Portuguese.

What are the increasing thousands of literates in India going to read? Christian literature must be our answer. Will you help? (Send checks to Woman's Auxiliary Office, payable to Penna. Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.)

CHURCH LEAGUE

The Church League for the Isolated will meet on Friday, February 11th, at 10:30 A. M., in Room No. 1, in the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia.

The Purgative Way—A Lenten Meditation

By THE REV. D. WILMOT GATESON, D.D.

An early name for Christians was "men of the Way." Devout souls in later ages developed a way within the Way, a Threefold Way of Devotion. Its primary move was the Purgative Way, and the Purgative Way is the way of Lent, with five steps.

I.

The Purgative Way begins with Self Examination. The unexamined life is not worth living, according to Socrates. It would be well for everyone to make a character graph. Across the top of a page of paper write certain periods in your life; down the left-hand side write certain virtues and sins. Then plot your curve and see whether you have been improving or deteriorating since, let us say, Confirmation. Make a little review of each day at night, and a more comprehensive examination at intervals, and follow the wise precept of the Church to examine yourself before Communions.

For Devotions, read Hymns 3, 119, 227; Psalm 139; Bible, Lamentations 3:22-40 and II Cor. 13. Read the Litany.

II.

The second step is Repentance. "Repent" was the first public utterance of Jesus, who thus stressed its importance. We need to induce contrition: to be contrite means to regard our sins with real sorrow. We must be certain that our repentance is toward God, and not merely anxiety for fear of consequences. Repentance is cleansing, and it has positive moral values as well: the penitent man by his very sorrow for sin repudiates sin in theory, at least, and shows that his ideals are good—he is in condition for making a new start.

For Devotions, read Hymns 33, 133, Litany Hymn 142 (Part I), 316; Psalm 31; Bible, Isaiah 58 and II Cor. 7. Read the Penitential Office.

III.

Confession is the next move. To own your sin, as Fr. Huntington used to say, is to disown it. It is a katharsis, a spiritual purge. It releases tension, and makes harmony possible. It ministers to the whole man. St. Augustine called it "the first beginning of good works." In General Confession we should particularize our sins, for true confession is not confessing that we are

sinner but confessing particular sins. When our repentance is not adequate, or when we do not feel the relief we should, we should go to a Priest, as the Book of Common Prayer orders.

For Devotions, read Hymns 129, Litany Hymn 142 (Part II), 124, 402, 24; Psalm 32; Bible, Ezra 10:1-14 and Daniel 9, I John 1:1-9, Luke 15. Read the Exhortations to Holy Communion and the General Confessions in Holy Communion and the Daily Offices, and in Evening Family Prayer.

IV.

We must make Amendment of Life. Sin is seldom conquered; it is usually crowded out. Fill your time with wholesome activity and assume responsibilities for good works. "To make a crooked stick straight we bend it in the contrary way." Use cold common sense: across the top of a piece of paper write your bosom fault, divide the page in two, and over one half write, What Do I Gain? and over the other half write, What Do I Lose? What you find will be a revelation and an incentive. Then use the cool power of the will, remembering that the sole assignment of the will is to keep the attention from wavering from the desired object. Then let a warm heart of love for God and the Master and for mankind fill your being, and the expulsive power of the new affection will do much to eliminate sinful affections and selfishness, and endue you with grace to amend your life according to God's Holy Word.

For Devotions, read Hymns 260, 136, Litany Hymn 142 (Part III), 125, 136; Psalm 139; Bible, Jeremiah 7:1-7 and Romans 7:14-25, Ephesians 4:17-5:20. Litany and Second Absolution in Evening Prayer.

V.

The final step in the Purgative Way is Restitution. Amendment is always difficult; to make amends is sometimes impossible: the water has gone over the dam. We must do our best to clean up the messes we have made in people's lives. Apologize and restore when you can. Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to everybody you can, whenever you can, to fill the holes of harm and unhappiness you have caused. Follow the example of Zacchaeus; and what Jesus said to Zacchaeus can be said of you, "Today is salvation come to this

house." The Purgative Way will have been followed to its happy ending, and the penitent can go on his way rejoicing.

For devotions, read Hymns 496, Litany Hymn 203, 238, 239, 505, 502; Psalm 116; Bible, Samuel 12:1-7a and Luke 19:1-10. Morning and Evening Family Prayer.

(The hymn numbers are from the Hymnal of 1916.)

In the Diocese

"The Witness" has published an honor roll for 1943 of Episcopalians who have made outstanding contributions to the furthering of the Christian religion. Pennsylvania is represented in the list by Mrs. John Hill as one who has chosen to use her ability and training.

The Old Christ Church Neighborhood Business Men's Association meets once a month, with an average attendance of sixty business men from the neighborhood adjacent to the Church. Among the group are to be found Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant. Besides the social features of their meetings, they are occupied with local community projects, and co-operate with Loan Drives and Community Chest Campaigns. An occasional special service in historic Christ Church has been sponsored by the Association.

Rev. Frank Damrosch, Jr., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, is the author of one of the hymns dedicated to the Apostles in the new Church Hymnal.

Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, Rector of the Church of St. Luke and Epiphany, is the author of "Live, Love, and Learn," recently published by Harper & Brothers.

Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, S.T.D., Rector of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, has been appointed to the new Commission on Unity by the Presiding Bishop.

Rev. William M. Derr, in charge of St. George's Church, Richmond, baptized twins on January 9th, and on January 12th presented two sets of twins for confirmation.

Mr. Alvin Bullen, recently ordained Deacon by the Rt. Rev. James P. DeWolfe, at All Saints' Church, Great Neck, Long Island, is assistant to the rector of St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

The Wooster Conference

Over five hundred students, representing the United States, Canada, Mexico and eighteen other countries, met from December 28th to January 3rd at the Student Planning Conference on the World Mission of the Church at the College of Wooster in Ohio. This was not just another conference but a profound religious experience for all who attended and a milestone of reconciliation and ecumenicity. The successor to the old Student Volunteer Movement Quadrennials, Wooster was this time jointly sponsored by the S. V. M., the Student Christian Movement, and affiliated denominational student groups. Four students from the Diocese of Pennsylvania were privileged to attend: Nancy Ingham, of Zion Church and Wilson College; Mary Needham, of Philadelphia Divinity School, and two postulants, Bayard Clark, of Alexandria Divinity School, and Charles Long, Jr., of Yale Divinity School. Any of these will be glad to give you much more detailed information than can be included in this article. We cannot begin to tell you what happened to us and all the delegates at this conference beyond this: the Spirit of God was there. Most of us arrived as proud people in one respect or another with all sorts of surfaces and shells of cynicism or unreasoned idealism. We came away much humbled, conscious of on Whom we depend, and of a great mutual indebtedness between all races, nations and groups. More important than all the fine speeches was the living in closest Christian fellowship with the most heterogeneous and representative group of students that can be collected in this broken world.

If the impact of this conference could be summed up in a few words it would be that we have become,

this handful of humanity, in a way we never dreamed we really needed, reconciled to God and to our fellowman. We learned the true meaning of what we have glibly assented to, that Christian Reconstruction, that Christian Vocation begin when and where the call comes; we have been looking too long beyond the horizon to post-war years and romantic trips to foreign lands. We have been asked by foreign representatives to come and help them *as comrades*; we have been sending to the younger churches too many "big executives," too many fathers and grandfathers and not enough brothers. As never before we have learned that all hope depends on our helping our fellow Christians in other lands and on their help being returned to us, for we have become conscious of our own spiritual needs as well as their material ones.

We know that Christian Reconstruction begins at home, that unless racial barriers can be overcome within the Church and through the Church, they cannot be overcome at all; that unless the Christian Church be one the world cannot be one. There is much reconstruction to do in the Protestant Episcopal Church, much room for reconciliation. We know that laymen are real missionaries, that mission begins in the family and in the neighborhood, and that every vocation is potentially a Christian vocation if men seek for the Will of God in their *whole* lives. Mission-mindedness does not only mean money and study but *being* a missionary, if only in one's own back yard. The challenge comes not only to those who go to distant lands but to everyone who professes Christ.

We who have been at Wooster know now that Christianity has an answer for our day. We know, because we have seen its sign and symbol, that under God and under God only, the world *can* yet be one. We call upon you to help us proclaim with our lips and in our lives the things which we have seen and heard. The students of this Diocese will be its future leaders. Four of these students are very different people because the Episcopal Church made it possible for them to attend the Wooster Conference.

CHARLES H. LONG, JR.

Thank You

The Episcopal Hospital's part in the program of the Charity Ball was a great success and we wish to thank each and every one who co-operated with us.

BLANCHE MCNEAL
(Mrs. J. Hector McNeal)
Chairman of Publicity

DR. JEFFERYS' WORKS IN BRAILLE

It is not given to many of us the opportunity to carry on our Missionary work after we have retired. Such a privilege is given to our dear friend, Dr. William Jefferys, who directed our City Mission for 25 years, following 15 years as Medical Missionary in China. Let us quote from a letter which he received recently, a copy of which reached us through a mutual friend:

December 9, 1943.

William H. Jefferys, M.D., M.A.
143 Grays Lane, Haverford, Pa.

Dear Doctor:

Here I am again!

The SHRINE MONT MEDITATIONS are now in the process of the third reading. They are splendid!

Now I am going to ask you another favor. Would you grant me permission to transcribe into Braille the *Meditations*, or the *Key to the Door of Divine Reality*, or *The Companionship of Jesus*, or even all three?

The Bishop has now given me a helper in my work for the isolated, an educational worker to take over the task of sending lessons to my children. This will leave me the isolated adults (some 300) and the blind. However, I shall now have a little more time (if I can only be granted the energy) to do more transcribing.

If possible, I want to put your writings, not only into the hands of individual blind people, but also into the various State Libraries, especially the Baxter Memorial Library in Sacramento, California. Having passed the necessary examination with the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., I am permitted to transcribe for any library.

The title page of each volume will bear your name; but if you have to refuse me this request, I will understand. I mean permission to transcribe.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES A. PALMER.

Rev. James A. Palmer,
3409 Grand Ave., Spokane 10, Wash.

Dr. Jefferys' writings answer the questions of all seekers after the Truth. They will live so long as Christianity lives. We rejoice that he belongs to our diocesan fold.

RETREAT AT ST. MARGARET'S

A Retreat for Women will be held at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, on Washington's Birthday, Shrove Tuesday, February 22nd. Beginning at 8:30 A. M. with the Holy Eucharist and closing at 3:15 P. M., conducted by the Very Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D. Please register well in advance. Telephone Victor 4612.

WAR SERVICE DAY Feb. 13th

What the War Commission Does

The Church in a world of war must, and indeed does sense a special obligation to make its ministry available and effective. Especially must it serve those who are subject to this new form of life, who are accustomed to Christian worship and teaching.

First of all, our Church must serve those who are in combat on land, on sea and in the air; also their parents, their wives, sweethearts and families who are left behind.

Then there are the civilians whose occupations and entire mode of life have been altered; those living in work camps, in defense housing projects, in trailers and even in normal houses and apartments in strange cities.

It is the Church's job to fulfill the needs of all these people who are away from normal environments

and away from their own church and its ministry.

National Church Program

The Army and Navy Commission of the National Church was established for the sole purpose of ministering to the armed services. A special committee of the National Council was formed to deal with the ministry to all those affected not serving in the armed forces.

Diocesan War Commission

To aid the work of the National program and to meet more effectively local situations created by war conditions, a Diocesan War Commission was appointed. Its job is to raise funds for this Diocese's share of the Army and Navy Commission; to raise funds for local work and to investigate new needs for the work of the Church and ways of meeting them.

Selection of Chaplains

No Episcopal Chaplain can be commissioned until he is approved by the Commission, and it has exercised considerable care in granting such approval. Of the 288 men of our Church who are Army Chaplains and the 124 serving as Navy Chaplains, more than half the total number are now overseas.

The Army and Navy Commission keeps up the payments to the Church Pension Fund of all our Chaplains. This amounts to more than \$6,500 a month. It also supplies portable altars and communion sets to any Chaplains who need them. Over 300,000 copies of "Prayer Books for Soldiers and Sailors" have been distributed. Other types of literature such as Forward Movement books are also made available.

And finally, the Commission supplies each Chaplain who needs it a "Discretionary Fund" of \$10 a month. This fund has been a means of covering those little incidental expenses which a Chaplain so often encounters.

Work at Camps

Another side of the Army and Navy Commission's work deals with its help to local parishes situated near camps, naval stations and other troop concentrations. In many parts of the country, the number of these needing the parishes' ministry was out of all proportion to resources. The Commission, promptly recognizing this fact, makes small monthly grants where the work is justified.

Diocesan War Commission

An office of the War Commission has been set up in the Church House. An executive director is in charge, assisted by a secretary who gives her full time on a voluntary basis. This office has collected much information on various methods used by parishes in this and other dioceses for keeping in touch with its men and women in armed forces. It has assembled an extensive collection of "literature" that is available to those who care to make use of it.

A Letter From Your Bishop

My dear People:

Before becoming Bishop of Pennsylvania I served as Chaplain in the United States Army in both wars. Undoubtedly this is an important reason why I am anxious that the work of the War Commission should continue with increasing vigor.

To meet the requirements of both the National and Diocesan offices of our War Commission for 1944 we must raise at least \$65,000 in this Diocese. Certainly this is not too much to ask, considering we have over 75,000 communicants. Because many of our communicants are in the Armed Forces and many others are away from home on war jobs, the rest of us will have to give well above the average. I feel confident that this challenge will be welcomed by all of us.

The complete picture of your War Commission's work is not told here, nor can it ever be told, because it is happening every minute in all parts of the world, at home and abroad. Yet it is never far from us, because it is being done for our sons and daughters . . . our friends and neighbors, who are off fighting for us. Remember this when making your contribution.

I call upon every member of the Church to be in his Parish Church on Sunday, February 13th, for a service of dedication—a dedication of ourselves through prayer and otherwise to the Christian well-being of those of our faith who are serving in the Armed Services.

Sincerely your Bishop,

OLIVER J. HART.

A Day of Special Remembrance

Special Prayers Printed

The Commission found there was a need for a collection of special prayers and order for services for rectors of our parishes. The Bishop appointed a committee to compile such a manual. "Prayers for Use in Wartime" was then printed and has been in great demand both within and outside of this Diocese.

The executive director keeps in touch with war work of any kind that comes to his attention and offers the services of the War Commission offices in assisting in any possible way.

The War Commission has also been responsible for the distribution of the much coveted War Cross to all those entering the services from this Diocese.

Service Center Opened

A large influx of war workers has created the demand for a ministry which is often beyond the reach of a local parish. The Commission has been studying this problem and made a small start by placing Divinity School students in three housing projects, working under the rector of the nearest suitable parish.

With the co-operation of able volunteers, both lay and clerical, the Commission initiated and has supported St. Stephen's Service Center at 19 South 10th Street. This service center, with united support of the Diocese, has proved a great success as a social center for service men and women by enabling the parishes of the Diocese to work on one concentrated service project.

Much Work Ahead

Month by month, as the war progresses, the need for further ministration continues to grow. Facilities for taking care of the spiritual needs of our wounded must be considered. Work among our youth and night shift workers must be developed.

How much can be done and how effectively, depends upon the understanding and support of the people of our Diocese. The Church has a magnificent opportunity before her. Let each of us do our part to help her see and meet it.



A sailor far away from home plays his favorite hymns on the organ of St. John's Cathedral, Santurte, Puerto Rico.



(Above) Paul G. Linaweaver, Senior Chaplain, Alaskan Sector, reading the Gospel during a Holy Communion Service in the Aleutians.

(Below) Service men at West Chester enjoy the many facilities provided for them at the Hospitality Centre in Holy Trinity's Parish House.



Is This Our Diocese?

By DOROTHY E. KOHL

It was early Saturday morning when a clergyman pulled into the railroad station of one of our rural towns. He had been asked to drive a worker to see families on the Church School-by-Mail. He was proud of this undertaking of the Department of Christian Education, of which he was a member, but he felt that he had no idea of what was before him, and wondered.

After driving for miles through open country, he was asked to turn into a dirt road and to drive more miles through woods and open country until they came to a house by itself on a hill. The clergyman's first impression was, "What a dump; surely nobody lives here." But the worker explained that here lived one of the Church School-by-Mail families. In that house, he found eight children who went over their Sunday School lessons as though they were having the thrill of their lives. "You see," said the oldest girl, "there is no church near here, and we are so glad to have our lessons at home." The clergyman was asked to have prayers, and some of the children said their own which they had learned from their lessons. The children were then asked what they would like to sing, and they chose "Jesus Loves Me."

On they drove for many more miles into the northern hills of Chester County, along a dirt road until they came to a shack that looked like a barn. "How do you get into that place?" asked the

clergyman. "You have to cross that creek," he was told, "and there is no way to do it but to cross on the stones, and wade a little." Just then they heard the mother calling, "Don't bother to come over. I'll come to you." The mother hurried over with a baby in her arms, and eight little ones after her. Four of these were members of a neighboring Church School-by-Mail family.

On the way back to the highway, the clergyman was asked to stop at another house. "I have never seen this place before," said the worker, "but it looks as though children inhabit it." When she got out of the car, several children ran to meet her. Upon making inquiry, she found that they had no church background, the mother couldn't remember when, or where, she had ever gone to Sunday School, they were now too far, and there was a very young baby. "We will be glad to put you on our roll," said the worker, and proceeded to explain the lessons and to take down the names.

"I never dreamed there were places like this in our Diocese," said the clergyman.

"All of my trips are like this," said the worker. "We have around one hundred families scattered through Chester, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery Counties, and 275 children on roll. We have helped over 500 children during the last four years, many of whom have eventually become members of the nearest church school."

EDUCATIONAL WEEK FOR THE BLIND

The seventeenth Educational Week for the Blind starts this year on Monday, the 13th of March, and closes on the 17th. It will be held at the usual place, the auditorium on the fifth floor of Gimbel Brothers' store. As usual, the Episcopal Day is on the opening day.

The Episcopal Day has always been very successful, and so we hope the response will be just as generous this year, so that the record may be kept up. The price of the luncheon will be fifty cents. Those desiring to contribute, please send checks to: Miss Emily Tattersfield, Chairman, 7203 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia 19, Pa.

REV. W. N. PARKER LEAVES

Rev. Waldo D. Parker has resigned as Priest in Charge of St. James', Langhorne, and St. Paul's, Edgley, to become Rector of St. Mary's, Clementon, and Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs, in the Diocese of New Jersey, beginning January 20th.

In 1929 Mr. Parker was placed in charge of the Country Center Mission, administering the affairs of as many as eight different mission stations in Bucks County. Throughout his Bucks County ministry, Mr. Parker has made his home in Langhorne, where his principal work has been. Two years ago he completed and dedicated a new Parish House for St. James' Church.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COMMUNION

The annual Washington's Birthday Communion for all church men and boys will be held under the joint auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Church Club of Philadelphia, and the Commission on Forward in Service, on Tuesday, February 22, 1944, at 8 A. M., in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia. Bishop Hart will be the celebrant. After the service, we will adjourn to the Stephen Girard Hotel, 2027 Chestnut Street, for breakfast. Bishop Hart will welcome us and the address will be delivered by our well-known Treasurer of the National Council, Lewis B. Franklin, L.L.D.

Reservations for breakfast at \$1 each should be made *promptly* to Percival H. Granger, 123 South Broad Street, by mail or by telephone, "Pennypacker 1816" — not later than February 15th.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Fifty years ago, January 12th, the Rev. William J. Hawthorne was ordained a Priest of the Episcopal Church in St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, by the Rt. Rev. William A. Leonard, D.D., Bishop of Ohio, who came from Ohio that the candidate might be advanced to the high office in his boyhood parish.

The Priest was baptized and confirmed in St. Timothy's, was one of the scholars in the first parish school, a chorister in the first boy choir, and the first Crucifer until he left for Sandusky, Ohio, to prepare under Rev. Richard L. Howell, and tutors for the sacred office.

He was graduated from Bexley Hall, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, in 1893, and then became Rector of St. Paul's, Medina, Ohio, where he served for five years and was married there to Carrie Eva Kimball. Most of his ministry was spent in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana until he returned to his home city, Philadelphia, as the Rector of St. Luke's, Huntingdon and B Streets, and was there for nearly fifteen years until his health broke down, and he resigned. He now resides in Chestnut Hill.

He will be at the Dedication Festival Dinner on January 24th and will preach at St. Timothy's on the octave January 30th.

The Convocation of North Philadelphia

There are six convocations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, three of them city convocations, and three of them, generally speaking, suburban. The Convocation of North Philadelphia is the largest of the city convocations, and includes the area between the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers north of Walnut Street, with a northern boundary along Nicetown Lane, Hunting Park Avenue, Venango Street and the Frankford Creek. There are thirty-five parishes and missions in the Convocation.

The most important fact about this area is that the majority of the people who formerly lived in it have moved to the suburbs. This has created serious problems for the Church, and for individual parishes. In the place of the people who have moved have come other, and different, groups; into the Kensington district, large numbers of Poles, Italians, Ukrainians and others, while in the more central area are at least 95,000 Negroes. The problem of the Church is to adjust itself to this shift in population, and to minister to the needs of the people who are now surrounding our churches. This problem is intensified by the fact that the Diocese has little authority in dealing with the situation, the decision usually resting with the individual parishes. Nevertheless, the Church is attacking the problem with energy and success. There are two Polish missions and one Italian which are doing splendid work. One of the most interesting experiments is being developed at St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, at American and Brown Streets, where the plant is being used by an Orthodox Rumanian congregation.

The greatest problem is that of ministering to the large and increasing Negro population. In the Convocation is a fine, independent Negro parish, St. Augustine's, now under the new and energetic leadership of the Rev. William Turner, and it is an inspiring experience to attend one of the services. There is a small, but vigorous mission at St. Paul's, North Penn, where, on Christmas Eve the congregation joined with the neighboring white parish of St. John's, Chrysostom, in a midnight service at the latter church. But the most interesting

and important experiment in this field is taking place at the Annunciation, 12th and Diamond Streets, where a mixed Negro and white congregation is demonstrating successfully the Christian solution to racial problems. Mention should also be made of St. John's Settlement House, on 12th Street below Master, where fine work is being done in improving cultural conditions among an overcrowded Negro population.

The Convocation includes three government housing projects. One, for whites, has been canvassed by the congregation at St. George's, Venango, with excellent results. A Negro project, the Johnson Homes, at 25th and Ridge Avenue, contains thirty-five church families, who are being cared for at St. Augustine's. The Allen Homes, at 9th and Poplar Streets, contain about 6,000 people, most of whom are Negroes. A survey made by the Rev. Louis Johnson shows more than 100 Church Negro families, for whom there is no religious provision made by our Church in the neighborhood. Work should be started here at the earliest opportunity.

JOHN K. SHRYOCK, *Dean*.

BISHOP'S QUIET DAY

Bishop Hart will conduct a "Quiet Day" for the clergy of the Diocese at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, February 7th.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock, to be followed by a series of meditations. Adjournment will be made for luncheon and the final meditations will be concluded in mid-afternoon.

The change in the date—from February 21st—was made in order that suggestions for Lent might be made sufficiently in advance for the clergy to profit by them.

ORDINATIONS

Three Priests were ordained on Saturday, December 18th, at St. Faith's Church, Brookline: Rev. Howard Sheldon Davis, acting Vicar of St. Faith's; Rev. Ernest Emile Bruder, Chaplain at Christ Church Hospital, and Rev. Howard E. Davis, Asst. at Calvary Church, Germantown.

Rev. David Holmes acted as master of ceremonies. The Litany was read by Rev. William Dietrich; Epistle, Rev. Frederick A. Warden; Gospel, Rev. Francis C. Steinmetz. The preacher was Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.

MAN POWER vs. BUILDINGS

A Working Memorial

Bishop Hart says: "If only we had part of the money which has been put into buildings to put into men! Some parishes have large plants which are expensive to heat, insure and repair and at the same time are only able to pay a minimum salary to their rector. How much better it would be if they had a very simple plant to maintain and could afford to give their rector an adequate salary!"

The increase of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate will lessen the assessment on each parish and help each parish to give to its clergyman an adequate salary. The following form should be used in making a will:

CLIP

*I give to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
Diocese of Pennsylvania the sum of \$
to be added to the principal of The Fund for the
Endowment of the Episcopate in said Diocese.*

The Church and Crime Prevention

By THE REV. T. A. MERYWEATHER
Executive Director, Crime Prevention Association

The church can play a very vital role in the field of crime prevention, but to date has not done so, except in a few isolated instances.

An effective crime prevention system is one in which the potential delinquent is sought out, treatment provided according to the individual's need, and one in which the constructive social forces of a community are actively combating the destructive forces which create delinquency. Therefore, any crime prevention program worthy of the name must include factors which affect both the individual and his neighborhood. Finally it must be a system where the constructive social forces are co-ordinated in such a manner as will create the greatest moral force.

With that as a policy, we then come to the question, "Where does the church enter into the matter?" I believe the church has several important contributions to make. Because the church has several functions it must enter into the field of crime prevention at several places.

1. *Religious Education*—It has recently been brought to the attention of this Diocese that Church School enrollment has decreased since Pearl Harbor. We know that youth crime has shown a slight upward trend in Philadelphia since Pearl Harbor after a steady downward trend since 1933. Therefore, the moral training of today's youth is of vital importance and should urge greater efforts in recruiting for the Church School and in providing interesting and challenging courses of instruction, as well as opportunities for experience in Christian action. As a warning, let me point out that from 1920-1929 (post-war years) the commitments of older boys in Philadelphia to penal institutions increased 111%. Those charged with religious education in the parishes must therefore be quick to adopt a method of moral training in conjunction with the home which will be attractive, not only to the "good" boys of the neighborhood, but also to those boys who may be classed as "tough" or "potential delinquents."

2. *Pastoral Care*—Most parish priests realize the necessity of visiting their people and in searching

out the unchurched. This type of activity quickly reveals the potential delinquent in a church family and affords an opportunity to learn of others who are also beginning to stray. If it is a problem which is beyond the experience or ability of the clergyman or church school teacher, as for example in cases of suspected mental defects, the matter should be taken up with the public school counselor, a child guidance clinic, or the appropriate division of the Municipal Court. The offices of the Crime Prevention Units are available at 1117 Pine Street. Matters involving neighborhood situations creating delinquency should be referred to the police—in Philadelphia, the Crime Prevention Division at 1117 Pine Street. A danger to be avoided is to repeatedly intercede with the courts in behalf of boys or girls who actually deserve sterner treatment than they have received. On the other hand, it is wise to also remember the truth of the statement, "One reason for so many problem children is that we have so many problem parents."

3. *Group Activities in the Parish House*—What has been stated previously deals entirely with individuals; the necessity of learning who they are, what is needed and then doing something about it. But that is only part of the picture. One of the greatest uses to which the average parish house can be put is to afford group activity for the young people, not only of the parish but of the whole community. Some will say, "It can't be done." I say it can be done if you want to hard enough and learn how to do it. Many parishes are now doing it and they are strong parishes, and not necessarily the most wealthy. The success of this method depends jointly upon the type of program, and that the clergy are sympathetic with youth. The program should be determined by those who will participate in it, but I don't mean having dances on Sunday night as bait for the Y. P. F. I do mean that any program which the youngsters desire, as long as it is legal, honest and moral, should be considered. Such groups can be controlled by requiring that persons not members of the parish shall be invited by

someone in the parish, who then feels the responsibility of seeing that his guest does not step out of bounds. The fact that most parish houses are tax exempt should make us realize our responsibility in using these buildings as community centers as well as for religious education. Incidentally, most youngsters will help to pay for what they receive if it is attractive enough.

4. *Combating Destructive Social Forces*—In order to most effectively combat the social causes of delinquency, the parish leaders must be willing and ready to co-operate with other local groups in neighborhood councils or other methods of local action. If a playground is needed, work with other groups to obtain it. If there is a poolroom, taproom, or corner store where law violation affecting youth is permitted, join with others in bringing pressure upon the proper public authorities. There are many instances where the moral tone of a community has become stronger due to courageous leadership of the churches in that area. Such action by the churches presupposes something more than a mere theoretical knowledge of the problem involved. Methods pursued in community work must be those in which the people of the area will play their part, and the goal to be obtained must be within reach—not too far away.

I therefore believe that the church's part in crime prevention today is (1) intensify religious education, (2) going after the unchurched youth, (3) a greater use for the parish house for community recreation, and (4) that each parish join with other local groups in combating local causes of delinquency. In brief, crime is sin and crime prevention requires that we work with the individual and also with the social forces in the area where he lives.

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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULES

**RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART,
D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.**

Feb. 6—Septuagesima Sunday

A.M.—Phila.—Christ and St. Michael, Gtn.
P.M.—Phila.—St. Luke, Germantown
Evg.—Phila.—St. Matthias

Feb. 20—Quinquagesima Sunday

A.M.—Phila.—Mediator Chapel
P.M.—Wyncote—All Hallows
Evg.—Phila.—All Saints, Crescentville

Feb. 27—First Sunday in Lent

A.M.—Phila.—The Saviour
P.M.—Norwood—St. Stephen
Evg.—Collingdale—Trinity

March 1—Wednesday

Evg.—Valley Forge—Washington Memorial Chapel

March 5—Second Sunday in Lent

A.M.—Ardmore—St. Mary
P.M.—Aronimink—Holy Comforter
Evg.—Eddystone—St. Luke

March 8—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—St. Cyprian, Elmwood

March 12—Third Sunday in Lent

A.M.—Cynwyd—St. John
P.M.—West Chester—Ascension
Evg.—West Chester—Holy Trinity

March 15—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—Epiphany, Sherwood

March 16—Thursday

Evg.—Norristown—All Saints

March 19—Fourth Sunday in Lent

A.M.—Bala—St. Asaph
P.M.—Clifton Heights—St. Stephen
Evg.—Swarthmore—Trinity

March 24—Friday

Evg.—Phila.—Holy Comforter Memorial

March 25 (Saturday)—Annunciation B.V.M.

Evg.—Phila.—St. Mary, Hamilton Village

March 26—Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion)

A.M.—Chester—St. Paul
P.M.—Paoli—Good Samaritan
Evg.—Downingtown—St. James

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February 1—Tuesday

Evg.—Phila.—Emmanuel, Holmesburg

Feb. 2 (Wednesday)—Purification B.V.M.

Evg.—Phila.—Advent (Polish)

February 3—Thursday

Evg.—Phila.—Prince of Peace

February 6—Septuagesima Sunday

A.M.—Phila.—Holy Innocents, Tacony
P.M.—Phila.—Good Shepherd, Kensington
Evg.—Phila.—St. Paul Memorial

February 8—Tuesday

Evg.—Prospect Park—St. James

February 9—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—Holy Communion

February 10—Thursday

Evg.—Phila.—Holy Trinity

February 13—Sexagesima Sunday

A.M.—Phila.—Messiah
P.M.—Phila.—St. Andrew
Evg.—Phila.—All Saints, Moyamensing

February 16—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—St. Luke, Bustleton

February 17—Thursday

Evg.—Bristol—St. James

February 20—Quinquagesima Sunday

A.M.—Phila.—St. Stephen
P.M.—Gwynedd—Messiah
Evg.—Yeadon—St. Michael

Feb. 23 (Wednesday)—Ash Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—St. Simeon

Feb. 24 (Thursday)—St. Matthias Day

Evg.—Phila.—Holy Redeemer (Polish)

Feb. 27—First Sunday in Lent

A.M.—Phila.—St. Peter and Christ Church
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SCHOOL OF RELIGION TO OPEN ON MAIN LINE

Twelve Main Line churches have organized a school of religion which will be conducted under the auspices of the Church Club in the Parish House of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, starting Monday, January 24th, and continuing for 12 Mondays. The first course will be under the direction of the Rev. E. Frank Salmon, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity; the subject will be "The Fundamental Religious Concepts." Dr. Salmon will conduct this course January 24th, 31st, February 7th and 14th. The second course will be under the leadership of Dr. Allan MacLachlan, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. His subject will be "The Life of Christ." The course will start February 21st and continue for five consecutive Mondays. The third course will be under the leadership of the Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, Rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill. His subject will be "Outline of Church History." This course will start on Monday night, April 10th. Please consult your parish rector for further information. The courses will be \$1.00 each.

THAT MIRROR AGAIN

Some months ago THE CHURCH NEWS published what purported to be a letter from a correspondent recommending that a mirror be placed near the top of every bulletin board. It was a pure hoax, invented by the editor in a moment of levity, written only to fill up space and to take the minds of our readers off the war for a while. He supposed that no one in the world would take it seriously.

But evidently one must not presume too much upon the discernment of readers, for soon it appeared, stripped of all the editor's nonsense, in a New York magazine, then jumped to the Middle West as a helpful suggestion. What other travels it took we know not, but now it has reappeared in New York in the current issue of "Forward Today," a very helpful leaflet issued by the National Council.

Which makes us think that after all it is a good idea. Why not try it? We are sorry, however, that those who copied it have all purposely omitted one of the reasons that THE CHURCH NEWS gave for placing the mirror in the church

porch, namely, in order that girls might pat a stray curl before they faced the congregation. Apparently the National Council thinks that is a frivolous reason for having a mirror near the door, and they give as their reason that it helps to attract people to the pamphlets on the rack and notices on the board. But mirrors are to look in; attracting to notices is only a by-product. And what is the harm in having one last look to see how that "permanent" is holding up?

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

The annual meeting of The Churchwoman's Club took place on Tuesday, January 11th, at 3 P. M. New Vice-Presidents elected were Mrs. Adam Ross and Mrs. James Oakford. New members elected to the Board were Mrs. R. F. Brown, Mrs. Harry Holt, Mrs. John Hurst, Mrs. John Samuel and Mrs. Fenno Hoffman. The Board and members thanked Mrs. Jesse Walker, President of the Club, for her splendid work in the past year. Tea was served following the meeting.

Church House will be closed all day, February 22nd, Washington's Birthday, by action of the Executive Council.

BENEFACTIONS

Churches and Church institutions are constantly named in the wills of loyal Church people. The Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany recently was a beneficiary, in a very substantial way, through the will of Countess Virginia Paris Cibotti, who died in 1936. Eight different churches of various denominations were given bequests of \$5,000 each, and in the final distribution of the estate, the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany was awarded the residuary fund.

Marie Wilkins Paul, of Chestnut Hill, who died on December 3rd, left \$500 each to the Church of the Holy Trinity and the Seamen's Church Institute.

As a memorial to the class of 1898, of the Episcopal Academy, of which he was a graduate, Mr. Archibald M. Davis left to that institution his library and stamp collection, which is considered one of the finest collections in the country. One-third of the residue of the estate was also left to the Academy.

THE CONVOCAION OF GERMANTOWN

An enlarged Parish House is a necessity at Grace Church, Hulmeville, the Rev. Albert Eastburn, Vicar, and people are working hard toward that end. They already have several hundred dollars in a building fund. Perhaps the greatest need in the Convocation is the enlargement of the Church building at the Mission of the Ascension, Rhawnhurst, where they have only a basement which has to be used for Church services and all Parish activities. The city is growing in that direction very rapidly. The P. T. C. is making plans to considerably increase its service. The Board of Education has purchased land upon which to build a larger and better school. The Roman Church has spent more than \$200,000 on their present plant; the Protestant churches, while not elaborate are at least churchly and usable; while we, with a splendid site in our possession struggle along in a basement which is called by the children in the neighborhood—"the jail." This is something about which the Diocese must plan to do something very soon.

Large numbers of people have moved into the Convocation in the defense and other housing projects, the Abbotsford Homes, the Penny-pack Homes, and others in or near the city; and the neighboring parishes and missions are doing their best to minister to these people. There are nearly 1200 houses either already built or in the process of building within two miles of St. Paul's Mission in Edgely and these present an opportunity for increased work in that section. Steps will be taken to see that a real work is done there.

This past summer, the Rev. W. D. Parker, Vicar at Langhorne, did some work among and held some

services for a considerable group of Jamaica Negroes. We hope to do more next summer when they return for the farm season.

We are glad to report that the Mission of the Incarnation, Morrisville, has finished paying off its mortgage. Now there is only one Mission in the Convocation with a mortgage on its property.

As time goes on there will probably be an increasingly fertile field for work in the Bucks County section of the Convocation, and plans are being considered which should make it possible for us to enlarge our activities. N. H. CALEY.

FORWARD IN SERVICE

A meeting of the Forward in Service Commission was held at the Church House on Wednesday afternoon, January 12th. The newly appointed chairman, the Rev. J. Jar-den Guenther, presided.

Plans were discussed to have the parishes co-operate in the suggested program of the National Church for pre-Lent, Lent and Eastertide. On Quinquagesima all parishes are asked to arrange for a "Quiet Day" either for the entire parish or for certain groups. On February 25th, a general observance of the World Day of Prayer is being stressed.

Suggestions were made for the conduct of Study Classes in Lent on the themes, "Christian Social Education" and "Christian Social Action."

After-Easter material has been secured for Group Discussions on "Evaluating the Parish" in connection with its contact with the community.

ARSON AT ST. TITUS'

Twice within ten days firemen were called to extinguish fires at St. Titus Mission, 84th Street and Tinicum Avenue. On December 21st the first fire was checked, and on December 30th a more serious fire occurred. Arson is blamed in each instance. The fires came as a climax to a series of destructive acts against several church properties in the neighborhood, which have occurred periodically since last summer.

The first fire caused only slight damage to the exterior of the building; but in the second instance the flames penetrated the organ chamber, and continued to burn for two hours.

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Anglican Evangelicalism. Edited by Alexander C. Zabriskie. Philadelphia: The Church Historical Society, 1943. 283 pages. \$3.00 cloth.

All churchmen, whether Evangelicals or not, should read this volume. It gives the history, development and contributions of a great movement, which must be known if the history of the Church is to be known. While Evangelicals are only a part of the Church, they form an important part, and this book is necessary to an understanding of them, and what they accomplished. While they have had their limitations, they have done great work, which includes the revival of real religion in the Anglican Communion in the 18th Century, the enrichment of religion through hymns, preaching, and the technique of what would now be called cottage meetings. Indirectly, they inspired such reforms as the abolition of the slave trade and the English social legislation of the first half of the 19th century. They reawakened the Church's interest in missions. All this should be more generally known, and particularly the fact that the Anglican Evangelical Movement was independent of the work of the Wesleys and Whitefield. This volume is peculiarly the product of the most vital center of Evangelicalism in our Church, the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, as all of the nine contributors are, or have been, connected with that institution. It forms a testimonial to the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Wallace E. Robbins.

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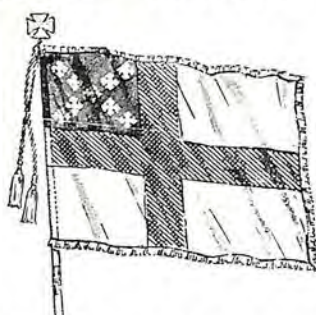
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